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PATENT
Docket No: 55838US002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SCOTT A. BURTON

Group Art Unit: 3764

Serial No.: 09/657,486

Filed: September 8, 2000

Examiner: L. Hamilton

For: MULTI-LAYER ABSORBENT WOUND DRESSING

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In reply to a Final Office action mailed November 19, 2002, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks. Entry of the proposed amendments along with reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections for the reasons discussed below are respectfully requested.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 30 as follows:

1. (Amended) A multi-layer wound dressing comprising:
a first absorbent layer with an absorbency greater than 300 percent and containing the reaction product of a hydrophilic, ethylenically unsaturated monomer;
and
a second absorbent non-disintegrating layer in contact with the first absorbent layer and less absorbent of body fluids than the first absorbent layer;